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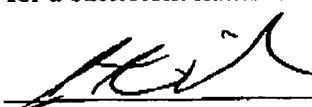
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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action of the Examiner mailed November 25, 2005, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response ending February 25, 2006. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.